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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

Judge Brown, of the United States Circuit Court, at Boston, decided against the American Bell Telephone Company in the famous Berliner patent case.

A bill has been introduced into the Pennsylvania legislature placing kidnapping upon the same plane as first-degree murder.

The fortieth anniversary meeting of the Woman's Union Missionary Society is being held in Philadelphia.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester are being held in Philadelphia.

Colorado Prohibitionists have endorsed the saloon-smashing by Mrs. Nation.

The antiprize-fight law was rushed through the Kansas legislature.

Oil is reported to have been found in York county, S. C.

Mrs. Maggie Dethorn, aged 26 years, threw her two children, aged two and four years, into the Monongahela River at Pittsburgh. She was arrested before she could throw herself overboard. One child was rescued.

The Centennial Bank, at Ashley, Ill., and the private bank of Palmer & Mayer, at Des Plaines, Ill., have closed their doors.

Several persons were hurt, but none fatally, by the derailment of four cars of the Wabash Limited at Benton, Ind.

Leo Alexandroff, an assistant surgeon on the Russian cruiser Variag, is accused of being a deserter.

Montana Republicans voted for Senator Thomas H. Carter for re-election. There was no choice.

Eight hundred employees of the Doepel Coal Company, at Winton, Pa., struck because the company refused to pay the 10 per cent. increase agreed upon.

A mob in Matawan, N. J., twice looted Charles Herbert to make him confess having fired the dwelling of his mother, but he would not confess.

Chairman Nixon, of the Tammany antive committee of five, announced, after a protracted session of that body, that it had passed out of existence.

Professor Campbell, of Lick Observatory, says Anderson's new star, discovered on the 21st, is the brightest in the constellation of Perseus.

J. W. Adams was fatally shot during a raid by the hatchet crusaders against the Curtis wholesale liquor house in Topeka.

The ice blockade in Horseshoe Bend, in the Delaware, has tied up vessels bound to and from Philadelphia.

Captain J. H. Leightall, a civil engineer of Washington, died suddenly in New York.

Dr. I. C. White declined the presidency of the West Virginia University.

John H. Mitchell was for the fourth time elected United States senator from Oregon on the fifty-third ballot of the session. His election was brought about by a combination of Republicans and Democrats.

George Howard, who is supposed to have fleeced several foreigners by a confidence game, was arrested in New York on the charge of fraudulently using the United States mails.

Major Randolph Harrison Finney, belonging to a prominent Virginia family, who had been a sufferer for many years, committed suicide in Richmond.

Dr. Richard Dewey, a specialist on nervous diseases, said in a lecture in Milwaukee that the matinee habit was harmful to most young girls.

Foreign.

General Kitchener reported a number of Boer captives made by the British and a hopeful feeling now pervades the British War Office, where it is believed that the beginning of the end of the war is in sight.

The House of Commons passed the second reading of the bill restricting the work of the miners by eight hours daily.

It was announced in London that the Marquis of Headfort will soon marry Miss Rosa Boote, the actress.

The Pan-Germans and the Czechs had several fist-fights in the Austrian Reichsrath.

The remains of Verdi, the composer, were buried in Milan with imposing ceremonies.

The Spanish Queen Regent appointed Rear Admiral Cervera to be a vice admiral.

The Porte defaulted on its contract with the Cramps for the building of a warship.

Chih Sin, former grand secretary, and Hsu Cheng Yu, son of Hsu Tung, were publicly beheaded in Pekin in accordance with the demands of the powers.

The population of the German empire, according to the latest census, is 50,745,014, an increase of about four millions since 1895.

Irish parliamentary funds are running short, owing, it is said, to the lack of contributions from Irish Americans.

Prince George's proposal for the annexation of Crete to Greece has been rejected by the powers.

56 MINERS PERISH.

Awful Disaster in Diamondville Mine, Kemmerer, Wyoming.

ONLY TWO AMERICAN VICTIMS.

Twenty-six Foreigners Caught by the Sudden Outbreak of the Flames—John Anderson the Only Man so Fortunate as to Escape—He was Near the Shaft When the Flames Broke Out.

Cheyenne, Wyo. (Special).—The worst disaster in the history of coal mining in Wyoming since the Almy horror, eight years ago, occurred at Diamondville. Thirty-six men are believed to have perished in a fire which started in Mine No. 1 of the Diamondville Coal and Coke Company. Almost all are Italians or Finns.

Thomas Simpson and his 15-year-old son Herbert, are the only American victims known. They came to Diamondville from Alabama but six weeks ago, bringing Mrs. Simpson, in the hope that the change of climate would benefit her health. The shock of the tragedy was too great for Mrs. Simpson's delicate health and she died. Thus every member of this family was a victim of the disaster.

The blaze was discovered shortly after the night shift commenced work. It is thought to have originated from a careless miner's lamp in the oil room.

The flames made such progress that only one man escaped from the two entries in which it was confined. His name is John Anderson, and he was fearfully burned in running the gauntlet of the flames. He was suddenly confronted by a wall of fire and smoke, and wrapping his head in an overcoat, he ran in the direction of the main entrance.

The first intimation the miners in the other entrances had of a fire was when Anderson came rushing into the upper level, his clothing in flames. He fell unconscious and was carried to the mouth of the mine.

The fires had by this time made such progress that it was impossible to enter the rooms of flames. The entire night was spent in confining the fire to the two entrances. It was necessary to seal them up to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the mine. This step was only decided upon after all hope of saving the lives of the men had been abandoned. Nothing could live five minutes in the fire, which was increasing in fierceness every minute.

The exact total of men entombed is not yet known, as a number are missing, some on sick leave and others in the hospital suffering from burns received while fighting the flames, so that an accurate count is at present impossible.

BLAME LAID ON CAPTAIN WARD.

The Company's Manager Says He Should Not Have Entered During a Fog.

San Francisco, Cal. (Special).—R. P. Schwerin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, in discussing the loss of the Rio de Janeiro, said he thought the blame was due to Captain Ward in bringing his vessel in during a fog.

"Time and again," said Mr. Schwerin, "we have warned our captains never to leave or enter port during a fog. It is erroneous to think that when a pilot boards a vessel the captain has no more responsibility. A pilot is simply a guide for a captain."

The statements made to me by Pilot Jordan indicate that there was a fog hanging around the Heads and I think that undue haste was shown by the captain in bringing his vessel in.

"Of course, he is not here to speak. I wish that he was, for he was one of our best officers. He was brought up in our service, and we all feel deeply over his loss and those of his comrades."

KILLED HIS WIFE'S BROTHER.

Woman's Story of Abuse and Tragedy Promptly Exonerates the Prisoner.

Savannah, Ga. (Special).—Francis J. Dieter, a butcher in the city market was fatally wounded here. He was shot in self-defense by his brother-in-law, John Scholl, nineteen years of age. The shooting occurred shortly after midnight, but the wounded man lived until 8.20 o'clock. Three shots were fired by Scholl. Two entered Dieter's breast and the third entered his forehead.

Dieter went home late Saturday night under the influence of liquor, and besides beating his wife, attempted to kill both her and her brother. Mrs. Dieter told her story of the homicide to the jury between sobs. She said, in answer to questions, that her husband frequently came home drunk and assaulted her.

Resignation of Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid (By Cable).—General Azcaraga, the premier, presented the resignation of the Cabinet to the Queen Regent and will probably be charged with the task of reconstructing the ministry.

CUBANS MUST ASSENT.

Otherwise Our Army Will Not Be Withdrawn From the Island.

Washington (Special).—The conditions under which United States troops are to be withdrawn from Cuba were announced to the world by the Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba, in the form of an amendment offered to the pending army bill. It asserts that the United States will leave the government and control of the Island of Cuba to its people when they shall agree, either in their constitution or by ordinance, to eight provisions, which may be briefly summed up as follows:

First—No treaty inimical to the interests of the United States with any foreign power.

Second—No debt beyond the power of the island revenues to meet and cancel.

Third—The right of the United States to intervene whenever the independence of Cuba is threatened and to maintain a government adequate for the protection of life, property, and individual liberty.

Fourth—Acts of the United States during military administration to be ratified.

Fifth—Development of plans to prevent recurrence of epidemics.

Sixth—Isle of Pines to be omitted from Cuban boundaries until title thereto can be adjusted.

Seventh—The selling or leasing of land necessary for coal or naval stations.

Eighth—A treaty embodying all these provisions.

In the original draft of the declaration, it was proposed that the United States should have the authority to supervise all treaties made by Cuba. This was eliminated and the new clause regarding treaties inserted. Senator Teller having announced his opposition to the original plan. Another paragraph struck out proposed that the United States should reserve the jurisdiction which it now exercises in the island, the natural objection to this being that the Cubans ought to be allowed to manage their affairs, if possible, without interference from the United States. When these and other modifications had been made there was no trouble in securing a unanimous report from the committee. In the meantime the assent of the President to the declaration was obtained, together with his assurance that if it passed the Senate he would not call an extra session.

THE BIG STEEL COMBINE.

Chester Places the Original Capital Stock at \$3,000,000—May Increase.

New York (Special).—Articles of incorporation of the United States Steel Corporation were filed at the office of the county clerk of Hudson county, N. J. This concern is the gigantic Morgan-Carnegie combine. The agent of the new corporation in New Jersey is the Hudson Trust Company, of 51 York street, Hoboken.

The objects of the corporation are to manufacture steel, iron, copper and other materials, and to own, occupy and develop mines and to own means of transportation. The provision is made that the corporation shall not own a railroad in the State of New Jersey. The incorporators are Charles C. Cluff, William J. Curtis and Charles MacVeagh.

The total authorized capital stock is \$3,000,000, divided into 30 shares of \$100 each but provision is made that the stock may be increased at any time. The papers were prepared by Stetson Jennings & Russell, of New York, and were witnessed by Francis Lynde Stetson and Victor Morawetz.

The nominal capitalization of \$3,000,000 of the United States Steel Corporation is understood to mean that the incorporators had simply taken the precaution to file papers before anyone else might have a chance to use the name.

From a well informed source comes the statement that United States Steel Corporation will have \$1,100,000,000 of capital stock. Of this \$300,000,000 will be 5 per cent. general mortgage bonds, \$400,000,000 of 7 per cent. preferred stock, and \$400,000,000 of common stock.

Kennedy Must Stand Trial.

New York (Special).—After going over the evidence in the case of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, whose second trial for the alleged murder of Emeline Reynolds resulted last week in a disagreement of the jury, District Attorney Philbin announced that the defendant would again be placed on trial.

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CHINESE BEHEADED.

Four of the Twelve Have Met Their Fate So Far.

QUESTION OF INDEMNITY NEXT.

Still, There is a Demand for the Execution of Anti-Foreign Celebrities in Every City, Town and Village Where Foreigners Were Injured—Further Details of the Executions that Took Place in Pekin.

Berlin (By Cable).—The report of the suicide of Ying Lien and Chao Su Chiao is officially confirmed.

The Lokai Anzeiger's correspondent with Count von Waldersee gives the following particulars regarding the decapitation of Chih Siu and Hsu Cheng Yu at Pekin:

Major Lauenstein represented Count von Waldersee, and the Chinese Government sent the Minister of Justice to witness the execution. After it was over the executionists sewed the heads upon the trunks, and having put the bodies in splendid coffins, turned them over to the relatives of the beheaded officials.

Pekin (By Cable).—Fully 10,000 persons witnessed the decapitation of Chih Siu and Hsu Cheng Yu here, in accordance with the demands of the powers.

The members of the foreign legations were conspicuously absent, feeling that if they were present they might seem to be gloating over their fallen adversaries. Every power was largely represented by military officials and soldiers, and there was also present a staff from each of the foreign powers.

According to the preceding dispatches four Chinese have been punished of the 12 whose punishment was demanded by the powers. These are: CHIH SIU, former Grand Secretary, HSU CHENG YU, son of the tutor to the heir apparent.

YING LIEN, an associate of Prince Chwang and Duke Len in their anti-foreign schemes.

HAO SU CHIAO, former Minister of Justice and member of the Grand Council.

The eight others whose punishment the allies demanded are to have their fates made known in an official edict, which presumably has already been issued by the Chinese Emperor.

TO BURN LAKE OF OIL.

Was Formed by the Big Gusher Near Beaumont, Texas.

Austin, Tex. (Special).—J. M. Guffey and J. H. Galey, the owners of the Great Lucas oil gusher, near Beaumont, have decided that the 300,000 barrels of oil which now fill an earth reservoir covering about 75 acres are of such little commercial value owing to their being mixed with surface dirt and trash they shall be destroyed by burning. This oil represented a value of thousands of dollars. It will be diverted into small ditches and set on fire one day next week. It will be one of the biggest fires ever witnessed in this country, and every precaution is to be taken to prevent it doing damage to property in that section. It is expected that the oil will burn several days before it is completely destroyed, as the ground is thoroughly saturated with it.

Cudahy Hears From Kidnapper.

Chicago (Special).—A special to the Post from Omaha, Neb., says: "Edward A. Cudahy has received a letter from the men who kidnapped his son, offering to return \$20,000 of the ransom money on condition that all detectives be withdrawn and that no attempt be made to prosecute the abductors, should their identity be discovered. It is understood the letter was mailed at Council Bluffs."

Published Interview a Fake.

Washington (Special).—An authoritative denial is given at the White House to an alleged interview with President McKinley, printed in the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian and circulated in this country. The language attributed to the President is as follows: "The thirst of Christendom for blood must now be considered sufficiently slaked after taking at least 100 lives for every Christian slaughtered."

Electricity for Consumption.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—It is stated that a company will be organized here within a few days composed of Cleveland and Eastern capitalists and capitalized at \$1,000,000 to erect a system of sanitariums in the larger cities of the country for the cure of consumption by electricity. It is alleged that a positive cure for the disease has been found.

Bank Robbers' Plan Fails.

Youngstown (Special).—Four masked men tried to rob the Farmers' National Bank at Canfield, 10 miles from here. Explosions in attempting to open the safe aroused the citizens and the would-be bank robbers sought safety in flight. They had a team and light wagon and were pursued several miles in the direction of Salem.

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